

INSTRUCTIONUnits of Credit-Special Education

The Stafford County School Board permits special education students to be awarded units of credit for subjects taught by special education teachers outside of their area of special education endorsement. This credit will be awarded only when the following conditions are met:

1. The course is comparable in scope and sequence to its general education counterpart, providing a minimum of 140 clock hours of instruction;
2. There is a course outline, including the objective(s) of the course, the skills the student is expected to gain, and the text/materials to be used;
3. There are stated procedures for evaluating the progress of the student toward the course objectives which assure that the student has attained the expected skills and knowledge;
4. The special education teacher plans cooperatively with the general education teacher of the subject; and,
5. For courses in which there is an end-of-course Standards of Learning test, provision shall be made for the student to attempt the test or an alternative method of assessment as provided for by the state Board of Education which shall be documented in the student's individualized education plan.

Legal Reference: Through June 30, 1999

Regulations of the Virginia Board of Education, "Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia." 8VAC 20-131-30. Student achievement expectations.

Regulations of the Virginia Board of Education, "Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia." 8VAC 20-131-110. Standard and verified units of credit. (Adopted September 4, 1997, effective October 31, 1997.)

Adopted by School Board: June 29, 1999